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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Acting Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--April 1988

## I. GENERAL

The Palestinian organization "Black September" claimed responsibility for two bomb blasts that occurred a week apart in the Jordanian capital of Amman on 9 and 16 April. The first explosion, which took place at the entrance to the main building of the Vehicles and Drivers License Department in the suburb of Marka, injured two Jordanians and damaged the building. From Beirut, "Black September" warned that it would continue to strike at King Husayn's "interests" until he stops "conspiring against the Palestinian revolution." The second explosion occurred in a private vehicle that was parked on the second floor of the car park building in which the Amman Municipality offices occupy the top three floors. This half kilogram bomb managed only to set the car ablaze while causing minimal damage to the building. A water truck summoned to the scene of the fire careened out of control on the hill down from First Circle and killed six people including the driver. Local security units have been heavily criticized for overreaction and lack of coordination.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

The 16 April bloody assassination of Khalil al-Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad, deputy commander of the Palestinian Revolution Forces, shook Arab circles in Jordan and the West Bank. In West Bank confrontations that day Israeli troops killed 14 Palestinians, the highest one-day toll in the uprising that began on 9 December 1987. PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat claimed the operation was the result of an "Israeli decision taken at the highest level" and with a "green light" from the U.S. administration. Jordan offered to assist and organize the funeral of Khalil al-Wazir but it was later decided, at almost the last moment, to hold the ceremony in Damascus, Syria, at the request of Al-Wazir's parents and family. Although 'Arafat did not attend the 20 April funeral ceremony in Damascus, he did arrive in the city on 24 April marking his first visit to Syria since his expulsion in 1983. 'Arafat's visit was said to mark a

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"reconciliation" between Syria and the PLO which was hastened by contacts in Damascus between the Syrian Government and PLO officials following Al-Wazir's funeral.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

During the month Bureau Engineer [ ] received notice of a QSI to FBN-10/10 for his continued excellent performance in all aspects of the bureau's engineering work. Monitor Supervisor [ ] received a Special Achievement Award and a \$500 check for his continued exemplary efforts as the bureau's part-time cruiser.

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[ ] joined the bureau's monitorial staff as a trainee FBN-7/1 on 24 April, thus bringing us up to full strength for the first time since last October.

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### IV. VISITS

To the bureau: Tel Aviv Bureau Chief [ ] visited the bureau on 8 April for a familiarization tour while viewing scenic Jordan along with a group from Israel. Richard Bosted, FBO Fire Protection Officer, toured the bureau on 17 April to review the the bureau's fire protection status. FBIS Regional Engineer [ ] spent 11-18 April at the bureau in support of efforts to coordinate bureau requirements for the new embassy with on-site engineers from FBO.

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### V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Deputy Bureau Chief [ ] received a letter of commendation from the Embassy expressing the appreciation of the ambassador for her assistance in the traveling State Department's Control Room at the Marriott Hotel during Secretary of State George Shultz's visit to Amman 5-8 April.

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Jordan Bureau Chief

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Production Report

## Amman Bureau Production Report for APRIL 1988

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	370080
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	81520
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1233

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8960.00 min.	21360.00 min.	153.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Al-Quds Palestinian Arab Radio in Arabic	12430		
BAHRAIN Manama WAKH in Arabic		10040	
Manama WAKH in English		2140	
EGYPT Cairo AKHBAR AL-YAWM in Arabic			0
Cairo AL-AHALI in Arabic			0
Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic			4480
Cairo AL-AKHBAR in Arabic			10940
Cairo AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic			5050
Cairo AL-MUSAWWAR in Arabic			6270
Cairo AL-WAFD Arabic			2100
Cairo ROSE AL-YUSUF in Arabic			360
Cairo UKTUBAR in Arabic			640
FRANCE Paris Radio Monte Carlo in Arabic	35640		

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Paris AL-MUSTAQBAL in Arabic			4110
Paris AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI in Arabic			410
Paris Al-Wifaq Al-Arabi Wa Al-Duwali Arabic			1020
IRAQ			
Baghdad Voice of the PLO IN Arabic	27640		
Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic	10830		
Baghdad Voice of National Alliance in Arabic	800		
Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic	25290		
Baghdad INA in Arabic		19090	
Baghdad INA in English		7930	
Baghdad AL-'IRAQ in Arabic			0
Baghdad AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic			600
Baghdad AL-THAWRAH in Arabic			0
Baghdad ALIF BA' in Arabic			0
ISRAEL			
Jerusalem in Arabic to the Arab World	3000		
JORDAN			
Amman Domestic Service in Arabic	6120		
Amman Domestic Service in English	1780		
Amman Television Service in Arabic	1860		
Amman Television Service in English	610		
Amman Petra-JNA in Arabic		2570	
Amman AKHBAR AL-USBU' in Arabic			0
Amman AL-DUSTUR in Arabic			5820

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Amman AL-QUDS in Arabic			1260
Amman AL-RA'Y in Arabic			13160
Amman JORDAN TIMES in English			15380
Amman SAWT AL-SHA'B in Arabic			2400
Amman THE JERUSALEM STAR in English			1930
KUWAIT			
Kuwait AL-ANBA' in Arabic			4720
Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic			6000
Kuwait AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM in Arabic			2070
Kuwait AL-SIYASAH in Arabic			19440
Kuwait AL-WATAN in Arabic			0
Kuwait ARAB TIMES in English			4530
OMAN			
Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic	2700		
Muscat QNA in Arabic			0
QATAR			
Doha QNA in Arabic			210
SAUDI ARABIA			
Al-Dammam AL-YAWM in Arabic			3240
Riyadh AL-JAZIRAH in Arabic			0
SUDAN			
Khartoum KUNA in English to KUNA Kuwait			0
Khartoum SUNA in Arabic			9220

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Khartoum SUNA in English		6930	
SYRIA			
Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic	36710		
Damascus Television Service in Arabic	1570		
Damascus SANA in Arabic		950	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			
Abu Dhabi Domestic Service in Arabic	1220		
Abu Dhabi WAM in Arabic		1080	
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I in Arabic			0
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in Arabic			8880
Al-Shariqah AL-KHALIJ in Arabic			0
Dubayy AL-BAYAN in Arabic			5740
YEMEN (YAR)			
Sanaa Voice of Palestine in Arabic	3610		
Sanaa Domestic Service in Arabic	7560		